



Incident Update

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HFD CAPTAIN RECOVERING FROM ASSAULT DURING RESCUE

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HFD Captain Kenneth Willingham

HOUSTON- On January 6, 2016 the Houston Fire Department responded to a fire at the Kwik Kar Lube and Tune at 2490 South Highway 6 at Westheimer Rd. In the course of fighting the fire, crews heard a voice inside an exterior storage shed. Due to electrical hazards hampering entry, crews breached a brick wall in order to rescue the person trapped inside. Once the hole was made to remove the victim, Captain Kenneth Willingham, a 14 year veteran of the HFD, looked inside to determine the best course of action to rescue of the trapped occupant. That is when the suspect sat up and stabbed Capt. Willingham in the left eye with pocketknife. Capt. Willingham was transported to Memorial Hermann Red Duke Trauma Institute, where he underwent surgery on his left eye. The suspect, William Morgan Johnson II (w/m, 34), was also transported the Memorial Hermann Red Duke Trauma Institute, in police custody, to be treated for smoke inhalation. The DA's office has accepted a charge of 1st Degree Aggravated Assault on a Public Servant. Capt. Willingham has been released from the hospital and is currently recovering with the support of his wife and three sons.

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